MINUTES OF AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) MEETING HELD ON 29th September 2026.

(Note: Subject to approval at next meeting)

The meeting was held at 4.30pm on 29th September 2026 at 1. Priory Row, Davington, Faversham. Eight of the nine EC Members were present, Trevor Payne (TP), Ashley Sayewell (ACMS), Anne Salmon (AS), Andrew Osborne (AHO), Linda Harrison (LH), Chris Oswald Jones (CoJ), Adrian Oliver (AO) and Robin Sayewell (RS).

1. WELCOME / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

(TP) welcomed everybody to the meeting. Apologies had previously been received from (JS).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR EC MEETING HELD ON 30th June 2026

These were reviewed and approved

3. MATTERS ARISING

(i) Walks Linda Harrison (LH) has thankfully been organising and running the walks programme. The previous walk to Lorenden was in conjunction with the Open Faversham Event and took place on 19th September 2026 and twelve walkers attended.

(ii) Website There are no items to discuss.

(iii) Walking and Cycling provision in Faversham (JS) previously reported on the North / South walking route that the KCC had indicated that they were likely to start some of the improvement works. The foot crossing of the A2 at the Abbey School (in preference to the present bridge) and improvements at Briton Road and Bramble Hill were mentioned as three of these. (JS) previously confirmed the North Lane Crossing is now likely to be added to the scheme.

(iv) Flood Lane As previously mentioned the potential closure of part of the lane from a Highways aspect were raised by (CoJ), (JS) and (AO) at the FTC Active Travel Meeting on 2nd October 2025. It had also previously been agreed that the FTC / SBC would be better placed to raise this matter with local residents. (AO) and (CoJ) who are on the FTC Active Travel Committee will raise this at their next meeting on 7th October 2026..

(v) Creek Basin Shepherd Neame (SN) will be contacted again probably during this year.

(vi) Vicarage Lane / Eastling Road The kissing gate entrance pathway was resurfaced 0n 18th September 2026 together with two new road drainage channels installed.
(LH) previously mentioned that ZR357 had Bramble Growth issues, and (AO) submitted a fault notice to KCC PROW whilst at the meeting. (RS) did write to the Trust mentioning it.

(vii) Rail Crossings and other Footpath Issues

1. *The rail crossing for the footpath between Goodnestone and Graveney has slope angles issues to the approaches, especially on the Graveney side and (RS) has approached KCC PROW about this through their 'Faults' Webform facility.*
2. *The obstacles along (ZR500) are being pursued by KCC PROW over Landlord issues to be cleared before these can be removed. See also (xii)*
3. *(ZF18) at Perry Court was reported by (CoJ) and (JS) as being extremely muddy. This is now probably a main walking route from the new Ashford Road and Brogdale Estate to the Abbey School and the town. Post Meeting note this has also been added to KCC 'Faults Website' and (CoJ) will make contact with Denis Fogle of KCC PROW over it*

(viii) Brenley Corner (AO) reported at the previous meeting that the project had been totally rejected now by National Highways, saying that the Traffic situation at the junction was not serious enough to take further. This item will be kept under review, due to the affects future developments will have on this Junction.

(ix) Ham Road East Side Housing Development (AHO) advised that considerable funds may be available from the Section 106 clause for footpaths affected by the scheme, together with Z43 and possibly a new bridge over the Crab Island creek tidal inlet. The Judicial Review as requested by FTC rejected the objection to the scheme and it is now understood FTC are considering taking the matter to the High Court..

(x) Duchy of Cornwall Development The overall scheme now has Outline Planning Permission and Phase 1 for this development now has Planning Permission. (RS) did previously write again to SBC about the presently poor Active Travel Routes from the development into the town as (JS) previosly advised it does not say enough about this subject in the view of the FTC.

(xi) Winterbourne Fields near Dunkirk (RS) has previously responded to SBC over the Group's concerns over the matter. The local press has recently published that National and KCC Highways object to the scheme over access issues, which primarily will be from the A2 Dual Carriageway.

(xii) Fund Raising for Projects (AO) will be undertaking approaching various organisations for future funding raising for Projects. The organisations presently under view are the Ramblers Association, Quintoc (the solar farm developers), Queenborough Ports and Tesco (who have an interest in the solar farm). (AO) is to

investigate if this can be utilised with the issues over ZR500. He will also make contact with Queenborough Ports over the Provender Walk / Abbey Wharf Project.

(xiii) Shepherd Neame, Ospringe Development (RS) previously submitted FFG concerns over the affect on ZF10 to SBC Planning over the scheme. (JS) previously advised he had other issues over the Footpath affect by the scheme and would provide this to (RS) for FFG to include also into the Comments section for the scheme on the SBC Planning Portal. A more recent Application from SN is now with SBC.

(xiv) Membership and Donations to the Group Proposals The annual membership fee of £5.00 is being reviewed but a proposal was made that Members could be encouraged to offer a further donation to the Group to assist improving the Bank Balance. (RS) to subsequently announce that a sizeable donation has recently been received from a member of the Group

(xv) Future Membership of National Associations The EC agreed that the Open Spaces Society will now be approached, with the possibility of leaving the Ramblers.

(xvi) BMM Weston Development at Brent Hill and the Creekside Staff Car Park The Group have objected to the latest Planning Application for these schemes with regards to the lack of Footpath provision on Brent Hill and concerns over the affects to ZF 40, that the Car Park scheme will cause. (RS) attended the latest FTC Planning Meeting in mid-September raising the matter and the Council are to object also about the same concerns

4. TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP

(ACMS) reported at the Meeting :-

Balance of Accounts
Three statements have been received since the last meeting the agreed closing balance being £1,610.33 as at 5th September 2026.

Transactions

Expenditure
The cheque for £40.00 re FFG leaflets has cleared the account.
Income
We have been concerned for some time that our FFG account is very vulnerable to fluctuating membership numbers. The Treeasurer's request at the AGM for donations above the £5.00 fee has been very generously answered. A donation of £500.00 was received in August from one of our members. Thank you so much.
Bank Charges
£1.20 – fees relating to cash/chqs paid in/out.

2026 Membership

On 9th May we welcomed a second new member to the group; our current membership total is 73.

HSBC Bank

We have received correspondence plus a Notice of Variation booklet informing us that as from 14th December HSBC are changing their cash services fees. I do not think it will apply to us as we pay only small amounts of cash in once a year. The good news is there is no mention about reinstating the £5.00 monthly charge!

5. WEST CREEKSIDE PATH ALONGSIDE FAVERSHAM REACH AND WATERSIDE CLOSE.

(RS) mentioned that Andrew Hutchinson of KCC PROW who spoke at the AGM advised that the Quantity Surveyor for KCC was in the process of producing the financial report for the scheme. This, they have now received and a brief outline of the report has now been forwarded to the Group. It was agreed that (RS) would write to Colin Finch, new Head of KCC PROW seeking clarity on timescales etc for this project (see also AOB).

6. KING CHARLES III ENGLAND COAST PATH

(RS) to report about the opening up of the new East Creek section directly between Standard Quay, Abbey Wharf and Provender Walk. Hannah Perkin has written to the relevant Landlord and Management Company plus the residents of the two estates concerned for support of our proposals. The wall removal was submitted at Planning Stage and approved by SBC, but not completed. Subsequent to all of this the same Developer (although different Company name) has now submitted for Planning Permission, three further dwellings on the Hand Car Wash Site, that FFG have objected to the scheme due to the outstanding works on the Creekside Path at Abbey Wharf.

(RS) had been in touch with KCC PROW again over land encroachment issues on ZF1 at the Hollow Shore section. No real progress to date.

7. EAST KENT RECYCLING LTD (EKR) PLANNING APPLICATION

David Greenaway of Bretts at Canterbury previously reported over the repositioning of ZF1, and are to appoint a Consultant to assist them with the Planning Application. KCC PROW. Post Meeting Note, (RS) has written to William Barfoot KCC PROW about this to pursue Bretts over what the hold up is.

8. SWALE LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION - Reg19

As previous, we understand from (CoJ) that the situation has changed and SBC has now put this on hold pending the decision on the large Highsted Park development. with the next stage possibly involving Reg 19 where the review is already in progress.

9. DESIGNATION OF LOCAL PATHS / NATIONAL LOST WAYS INITIATIVE

a) *'Designation of Local Paths' As previously reported Graham Rusling (now former) Head of KCC PROW spoke at a Ramblers event in late 2025 about the purpose of Evidence Forms and the subsequent legal procedure. This applies to the Tramroad, Abbeyfields and Morrison (HomeBargains) schemes that (RS) passed to FTC some two years ago for subsequent issuing to KCC. KCC have now written to Councils and Groups about this, and (RS) has contacted FTC over what we have previously undertaken and the progress so far, but has had no response after his two eMails to date. (JS) previously agreed to look into this urgently.*

b) *'Lost Ways' As previous, the 'Ramblers' have reported the cut off deadline has now been removed.*

10. AGM 2027

The 2026 AGM took place at the Guildhall in August. The 2027 Meeting is now planned for 20th April 2027 at either the Guildhall or Town Hall at 4.30pm.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 24th November 2026, 4.30pm at 1 Priory Row, Davington.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. *The Open Faversham Event took place in Mid-September 2026 at the Parish Church to which an A1 laminated poster about the Group was on display*

2. *Colin Finch has taken over Graham Rusling's role as Head of KCC PROW, and (RS) with (TP) had a meeting with Colin in Faversham during late August 2026, followed by (RS) giving him a tour of the Projects around the Creek the Group is involved with.*

3. *The EC members thanked both (TP) and (AS) for the use of their dining room for the meeting.*